

**Testimony before the Human Services Committee
Representative Jeff Delzer, Chairman
October 16, 2008**

Chairman Delzer, members of the Human Services Committee, I am Erik Elkins, Assistant Director of the Medical Services Division, for the Department of Human Services. I appear before you to provide information on the transfer of long-term care beds in the state.

On September 18, 2008, Shelly Peterson, President of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, provided testimony to the Interim Long-Term Care Committee regarding the transfer of long-term care beds in the state. The attached charts have been supplied by Ms. Peterson and represent the most updated information available on the transfers.

In order to ensure that we accounted for the potential increase in Medicaid-occupied long-term care beds, Department staff have been communicating with Ms. Peterson about the transfers during the preparation of the 2009 - 2011 Budget request.

Ms. Peterson is here and indicated she would be available to answer any questions specifically about the long-term care bed transfers.